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Symington said he was particularly interested in the article, which was picked up by the Associated Press and distributed to the nation's newspapers, "because recently testimony was deleted by the Department of Defense from the galley proof of Senate hearings after the transcript of these hearings had been edited for security."

"Based on the contents of the lengthy passage deleted, it was obvious that this was done for public relations reasons only," he charged in a Senate speech.

"So now we keep from the American people broad important policy problems they have the right to know about, at the same time the Department of Defense

Without elaboration, the Missourian, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said flatly that "If the information in this article is correct, then information given the Senate by the Central Intelligence Agency is incorrect."

The story Symington had reference to was written by the Associated Press and based on an article in the May issue of Military Review, a magazine published by the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Military Review said the information was compiled from unclassified sources and "because of a tight Soviet control over military information, this data is derived from sources which are not necessarily accurate or complete."

The article located 37 Soviet missile launching sites—one less than 500 miles from Alaska—and said at least ten had been identified as sites for Russia's T-3, 8,000-mile-range nuclear missile.

Symington said Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, and members of the Armed Services Committee had joined in "criticizing the dissemination of too much military information."

"But today we have an article, whether right or wrong, emanating from the Department of Defense itself; an article presenting information about missile production and launching pad locations which is the most detailed that I have ever seen."

Symington said that hereafter before he criticizes the press for too energetic activity in this field, McNamara had better "take a further look at his own shop."

"Regardless of the amount of money spent by the American taxpayer on defense, we will never handle this matter either efficiently or effectively unless we reorganize the Pentagon building on the principle of the assembly line," Symington concluded.